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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
DATE AND TIME:	July 21, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, first floor of the Cannon Building
APPROVED:	September 15, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Franco R. Bellafante, Professional Member, Chair, Presiding
Charles Adams, Jr., Professional Member, Vice-Chair
Rhonda West, Public Member, Secretary (8:38 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
James Bielicki, Jr., Professional Member
Carla Cassell-Carter, Public Member
Lakiyah Chambers, Public Member (8:38 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
Kelly Katz, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bellafante called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bielicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Katz, to approve the June 16, 2016 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continued Discussion of Plan Certification Notes

Mr. Adams requested this topic be tabled until the next meeting.

Review of Substantially Related Crimes List

Mr. Maloney reviewed the Executive Order 60 that is part of the Governor's initiative to reduce barriers to employment. He suggested reviewing the list for the next meeting and identifying items that can be eliminated with a vote from the Board members. Ms. Hurley stated she would add the meaning to the crimes that have different degrees and send to the Board members for review for the next meeting.

Follow-Up to Mr. Szymanski Correspondence

Mr. Maloney requested that this agenda item remain as a standing agenda item until further notice. The item for consideration is a rewording of the continuing education regulations concerning retirees.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Mark Benzin for licensure as a professional land surveyor contingent on a passing score of the Delaware Drainage and Jurisprudence Exam. The motion carried with Mr. Bellafante recusing.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

Mr. Bellafante made a motion, seconded by Mr. Katz, to approve Thomas Strong for licensure as a professional land surveyor contingent on a passing score of the Delaware Drainage and Jurisprudence Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Courses for Professional Development Hours Approval

Mr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cassell-Carter, to approve 8 of the 16 hours of online courses requested by Mark Lagana for "MicroSurvey STAR*NET". By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ratification of Issuance of Land Surveying Certificate of Authorization

Mr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to ratify the certificates of authorization listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Cardno, Inc. (S8-0000133)
A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (S8-0000134)
TRC Land Surveyor Services, LLC (S8-0000135)

CORRESPONDENCE

NCEES sent a letter extending an invitation to have a member of the NCEES board or senior staff attend an upcoming meeting. The Board had no objections to this and Ms. Hurley advised the Board that she would reply.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Bellafante mentioned he was asked about prevailing wages under the Davis-Bacon Act. In 2013, the Department of Labor sent out a memorandum pertaining to laborers wages. He suggested that the person inquiring seek a labor attorney but wanted to know if any professional member of the Board may have been affected by this.

Mr. Bellafante also mentioned he received a call asking about emeritus member status. This status is not in the regulations and might be considered an accommodation. Mr. Bellafante stated he would follow up on this subject.

Mr. Katz composed a response letter to the article written about the bridge error in Newport. He wants more people to be aware of how employees are labeled in their work capacity. The letter will be forwarded to Mr. Mangler for his review and approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Katz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley
Administrative Specialist II